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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please DO NOT approve the USTelecom petition. Those of us who live in rural or semi-rural areas are already at risk of being completely disenfranchised from communication services by the "Big Boys" like AT&T. Here where I live, AT&T was the only available service for a very long time and their services got worse and worse over a period of years and they have NO interest in maintaining their infrastructure out here. If it weren't for competitive carriers like Race, we'd be up the proverbial creek. PLEASE don't leave us at the mercy of the likes of AT&T who could care less about us.

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